Barry Abrahams
110 Pond Mill Road
~~Southington~~, Ct. ~~06489~~
Plantsville 06479

Roger,

I was assuming with my last letter that you published a list similar to JRM. Sorry. I seek the following:

1800 XF 40 – 50
1803 C-2 any condition if non-porous
1803 C-3 VF-30 – 45
1804 C-9 XF 40 – 50
1804 C-12 XF 45 – 55
1805 C-1 XF 40 – 50
1809 C-2 VF 30 – 45
1809 C-4 VF 30 +
+ any rarities in higher grades naturally.

I'm not looking for bargains. I will pay a fair price for a nice coin.

Regards,
Barry

10/11/85

Dear Barry,

Enclosed are:

1803 #2	2 Giant Grade	Only Brace		50¢
1803 #3	" "	"		65¢
1804 #9	" "	"		90¢ Brace only
1809 #4	" "	"		250¢
				765¢ or 675¢ for all 4

On the 1805 #1 + 1809 #2 I have NONE anywhere near the Grade you want

Also I have but am not enclosing till I hear from you:

1800 as I mentioned I have an UNC - Lo & 1300¢

Also I have

1804 #12 AUNC 55 in Conductor Censer I have on Brocks & Makin. for Roma Wire. The obverse was plated in My first Edition - Price of AUNC 55 Due to one Scratch on reverse - Price in Ex Renderwit at 1400¢

Sincerely

Ray Czul

10/28/85

Rec

Roger,

Enclosed is a check for $250 for the 1809 c-4.

Thanks.

Regards,

Barry

Barry Abrahams
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Plantsville 06479

7/21/85

Roger,

I've been meaning to write this since the EAC convention in April. I had hoped to see you there.

Do you have anything for sale? I'm particularly looking for draped bust — 1/2's. I hope you have something because as you probably know, there's a real dearth of material out there.

Regards,

Barry

9/16/85

Barry

No I hadn't forgotten you. Just Now Getting to answer. I do have a Number of Draped Bust Half Cents but Need to know What Varieties?

What Condition? and approximate Price you want to Pay - I have for example an 1800 in AU 55-60 that I want $1300- for. or I have an 1804 #13 in VG-8 I want $30- for. or an 1806 #2 F-15 for 275- or 1804 #5 F-12 for 80- etc.

My Prices aren't Giveaways but should be reasonable So if your still interested How about a list?

Sincerely

Roger

12/28/81

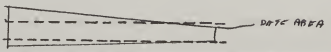
Bovy Abrahams.
110 Pond Mill Rd.
Plantsville CT 06479

Dear Bovy.

First of all I had to brush your Coin and secondly I put it in the type of Protective sheet Home. Copper Coins should Never be Put in Plastic Holders.

Your 1797 #2 is an excellent example of what an improperly Prepared Planchet Will Result in The area by the date and on the reverse opposite Lyre Shows what I call "Chicken scratch". These are marks on the Planchet as Originally Prepared Which Were Not flattened in the Striking Process.

An Exaggerated View of Your Planchet Prior to striking Would be



When the Planchet was struck the dies Produce the Red Dotted line.

Often actually the Planchet was Punched at both ends. The rim area above R.TY in LIBERTY is Not struck up Nor is the reverse from ICA in AMERICA to the right ribbon end.

Remains of the undertype are visible below Where STATES should be Which indicate that the Planchet was made from a Talbot Allen + Lee token. This Variety is made on 3 Type of Planchets

T&C Taken, Spotted Large Cents and Sent Prepaid
Pleasdeta

I would rate this Coin as a VF-30. There
are some scratches & and one rim dent at F of OF
but the Weakness you noted was there When
the Coin was Made. This Variety is Not Common
above F-12 and While Not a "Condition Census"
Coin I consider it a very Presentable Example
of the Variety.

Sincerely

Boyer

Barry Abrahams
110 Pond Mill Road
~~Southington~~, Ct. 06489
Plantsville

1/5/82

Roger,

I'd like to thank you for sharing your time and knowledge with me. I suspected that the planchet was irregular at the time of striking but because I'm rather new to half cent collecting I doubted myself when some local "knowledgable" person swore that somebody once took a file to the coin.

However I did not realize that there was an undertype on the coin. That piece of information was a rather pleasant surprise.

Many thanks again for your efforts.

Barry

P.S. I've included a $1.00 for the extra postage.

Roger,

Thanks for agreeing to look at my coin. Anything you could tell me about the area around the date would be most appreciated.

Regards,

Barry Abrahams
110 Pond Mill Rd.
Plantsville, Ct. 06479

P.O. Box 160
Lynn Haven, Fla. 32444
October 24, 1983

Mr. Roger S. Cohen, Jr.
4720 Montgomery Lane
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

Dear Mr. Cohen:

Mr. Ted Amrowski, Copper Coins of Albany, Georgia, suggested that I send my coins to you, for authentication. He thinks that both are worth the time to look at. The 1804 Half Cent, with Cud, and the 1851 half cent, with the 5 appearing to be over something, are enclosed herewith. Would you please review these two coins and give me your opinion about: variety, grade, rarity, and current price. I do not know what your fees are, so if you will send me a bill, before you review the coins, I will mail you a check. I am enclosing $3.50 in stamps to cover the return mail of the coins.

Thank you for your time and any consideration that you can give me.

Sincerly;

Ed Antz

Ed Antz

4701 SANGAMORE RD
BETHESDA MD.
20816

11/16/83

Ed. Antz
P.O. Box 160
Lyn Haven Fla 32444

Dear Mr Antz:

Yours of the 24th of October arrived on the 14th. of November. I Note a slight confusion as to My address. The one above is Correct.

As I stated in My book I wish to hear from Persons and I have No Problem in answering any questions. Nor do I charge Fees. I haven't been overwhelmed with Inquiries.

Specifically the 1851 is a well worn example of Variety #1 - its rather unusual to see such a worn Coin I would rate it No Higher than V6. Its rarity is as set forth in the book Correct Market Value would be less than Red Book of 30- for a V6 Specimen. The Coin is damaged on the edge and what appears to be an overstrike at the 5 of the date appears to Me to be old damage that has become worn thus creating the appearance of being an overstrike. Before totally discarding it You May want to keep it on the Possibility that Another Specimen will show up in High Condition I have Never Noted any differens on the 1851's which are Quite Common.

The 1804 is another Matter. This is the 10th Specimen known to Me of Variety #2. It grades as A Good-4 overall. The Coin has been damaged by having the Reverse Concave and the reverse Convex. The Wear on the obverse indicates the damage was done while the Coin was Circulating. The Reverse has the sharpness of a 10 and the obverse the sharpness of a 4 There are also other defects and Porosity which make this

specimen rather hard to grade.

Congratulations on finding a R-7 item! However the Variety has been found at the rate of about 1 a year for the last 4 years and I suspect that by 1985 it will be an R-6 (13-30 Known). As of ~~Now~~ Now 4 of the 10 known have the obverse break Similar to yours. This break is easily confused with a similar obverse break on 1804 #9 and interestingly enough the last 3 found have the obverse Break.

Condition wise the ~~Best~~ Highest known specimen is only a F-15 followed by a F-12, 2 VG-8's and 5, including yours, grading as Good 4-6. The discovery Coin when I own Now is only a Fair-3.

The current Market Value is rather subjective. for its What Someone will Pay for it. This I will Make you an offer of $1,000 for it. Please let me know as soon as possible so I can send to You the 1851 and either a clad or the 1804 Coin.

Again Congratulations on having a sharp eye.

Sincerely
Rogers S Cohen Jr.

P.S added over Phone #

11/26/83

Mr Ed Antz
P.O. Box 160
Lynn Haven Fla 32444

Dear Ed,

In accordance with our telephone conversation enclosed find your 1851 Half Cent, which you and Me for evaluation and was covered in my letter of 11/16. Also enclosed is a check for 978.00 which is 1000- for the 1804 #2 less 22- for a copy of My book which will be Mailed on Monday.

Again Many Thanks and keep up the Good Work.

Sincerely
Boyer

CG FF 496

27 JANUARY, 1980

Roger-

most of my HALF CENTS are now CATOLog by your VARIETIES. However I have a 1809 ½¢ with Reed edges - About 42 cuts into the edge -

closest thing listed in "LITTLE HALF-SISTERS would be 1797 #3c (CLIPPED edges).

most Likely - Someone cut these into the edge AFTER the coins was minted. on the other hand maybe I have come ACROSS a new VARIETY OF the 1809 ½¢.

I would be glad to send the coin to you for your examination. MAin while I sit here AWAITing your THOUGHTS -

THANKS

Ted

Ted A. Amlowski
1906 Lullwater Rd.
ALBANY, GA. 31707

5/7/80

Sorry to be so long in Answering
but Many Person Need Toy Relin
between Jan 1 + May 1
If you send the Coin by
~~Return~~ Registed Mail Relin Reseipt
I send it back to you the
Same Way in 3 days.

Thanks
Roger

5/10/80

Roger -
Coin enclosed And THANKS AGAIN
Ted

-/16/80

Ted Androwski
1906 Lullwater Rd.
Albany GA. 31707

Dear Mr Androwski

Thank you for sending the 1804 CNM #6 for my inspection. It is enclosed.

I believe the edge marks to be done with a file sometime after the coin left the Mint. Just why it was done I have no idea.

Thanks again

Roger

5/22/80

Roger.

Received my coin back yesterday. Thank you for taking time to evaluate it for me. No need of me to tell you how disappointed I'm that I don't own another variety.

Good luck on your new Revision of "Little half Sister". Also on EAC book. I may need of copy or two more of "Little half Sisters" one of these days if my fellow Coin Club members decides they like their own copy — they always borrowing my copy,

I will let you know-soon.

Thanks again

Ted

Jan. 13, 1987

Dear Roger,

I read the second edition of your book and it was interesting and informative. I have been collecting Lincolns and Indianheads for twenty years and now am going to start collecting half cents and large cents. Any suggestions for someone just starting out would be appreciated. Also could you send me the address of the Early American Copper Club. I thought I would join them.

Thank you,
Garry Apelian

Garry Apelian
4150 Central Road
Glenview, IL 60025

1/17/87

Dear Garry,

As per your request the EAC is as follows.

Early American Coppers.
P.O. Box 15782
CINCINNATI OH. 45215

Current Dues are $16 or $21 per year. The $5 difference is if you want the Publicate "Rampage" to be sent to you via First Class Mail.

Hope you will enjoy Collecting Half + Large Cents in the future and what I wrote in the section on the "art of acquiring" still Holds true.

Sincerely
Roger Cohen

Feb 18, 1990

Hi Roger,

Let me say that the last time I talked to you, or let's say written to you was back in 1985 when you gave me the address for EAC. Since then I have pursued my half cent collection avidly and am very happy with it. I had bought your book from Jack Beymer which is where I got your address from at the time. Before that I had fallen in love with copper in 1984 having really seen copper for the first time at Chris McCawley's table at a Chicago show. Before that I had been collecting since age 6 or 1959 picking up Lincoln, Buffalo, Mercury's and Jeffersons from change. Anyway I am giving you my collector background only to say thank you for introducing me to Half cent Copper and EAC.

In PW #135 you had a 1828 C-1 EF-40 for $50 listed and I want to know if you still have it. It would be my last variety of 1828 to finish that part of my collection. Please let me know.

Also I had talked to Ed Masonha the other day and he said to write to you about a couple of coins I had just purchased. One is a 1851

Brand with a double profile on the obverse. I purchased it from Chris McCawley and he said it is the first one he's ever had. The first few stars are doubled and the face and part of Liberty. I'm sure you've seen one but how rare do you think they are? Also, what do you think caused the doubling? I could send the coin to you if you wanted to see it.

Also I have a 1854 B-2 Brand. The one with the dot on the upper post of the F. I bought it from Bowers and it is rated a R-3. How rare do you think it is and is it just a different die state from C-1? Again I could send it to you to look at if you want.

Thanks for all your help and I will look forward hearing from you.

Garry Apelian EAC #2686

GARRY APELIAN
910 REVERE ROAD
GLENVIEW, IL. 60025

P.S. I would sure love it if you would come out with another edition of your book.

Jack C. Baan
2210 Laramore Lane
Santa Ana
Calif. 92706

Santa Ana, April 26, 1971

Dear Roger,

Recently I bought a complete P-W in which I saw your name, special for the half cents.

I start collecting U.S. large and half cents about a year ago, when I came from Spain, where I lived about twenty years. (I am now 68)

As you can understand I do not know that much of the lovely coppers, but every day I learn more.

I like to ask you a question about a 1828 half cent of which I enclosed two pressings.

1828 half cent, 12 star varity.

Obv. Double profile from forehaed to neck.
The L in LIBERTY under not connected
Some of the dentiles doubled.

Rev. Upper edges from H in HALF connected
A in HALF recut under cross bar
E in CENT recut, middle bar touches upper bar
Faint crack from upper left of E in cent to lower right of H in HALF.

I think the rev. was cleaned one time ago to remove a corrosion spot. Coin is, as I can see, Fine/Very fine.

Do you know anything about such a coin?

I hope I did not ask a too stupid question.

Jack

MAC 1129

PS
Keep the pressings

4701 SANGAMORE RD
BETHESDA MD 20816
8/13/81

JACK C. BAAN
2210 LARAMORE LN.
SANTA ANA CALIF 92706

Dear Jack,

Please excuse the delay in answering your of April 26, 1981 which is in NO way a stupid letter. Your letter + 4 others were put into a pile on my desk table next to my desk. Where it found them about July 31.

I am assuming that you have or have access to my book on Half Cents that it put out in 1971 as a good part of what you want to know is in it On your 1828 13 ★

The Condition of the 5 Cents is Commonly known as Normal as well as the RE-PUNCHING of the letters on the Reverse. This is Pictured in my book in the Chapters on 1825 + 1826. [illegible] to Comment on the Classification of the 1828 [illegible] the Matron with the Bonnet and the 1825 + 1826

The [illegible] is [illegible] 85 under Description on Page 75 [illegible] Date of the Coin [illegible] is also Seen on Earlier Half Cents The Point and Rim of the Pierced [illegible]

Thank Nancy heard of the dec Grande when
You decide Nancy how the E in EXT is
the lower right H of HELP. Check it again
Once you state the reverse appears to be
Cleared if could just be a scratch from
the cleaning.

Thanks for Working and let me
know.

Sincerely
Roger

GARY D. BEGIN, D.D.S.

3/8/83

Roger S. Cohen
4701 Sangamore Rd.
Bethesda, Md. 20816

Dear Mr. Cohen,

I stopped collecting coins in 1973 to attend Georgetown Dental School and recently started collecting again. This time, however, I have zeroed in on Half Cents. It's been great fun and the reason I am writing is to tell you that collecting half cents has been enhanced tenfold by your book, The Little Half Sisters.

A friend who works at The Library of Congress was kind enough to borrow the book from the Library for me, and today I have received my copy of the Second Edition of your book. Congratulations on a job well done!!

Sincerely,
Gary D. Begin

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3/17/83

Gary D. Begin D.D.S.
200 Fifth St SE
Washington DC. 20003

Dear Gary,

Well you excuse the informality of this Note but as you can see from my line of work this is a little pushed for time Now.

I appreciate your Note in regard to my "Labor of love" and after April 15th Perhaps We can have a talk about the Budget. You might also be interested in Early American Coppers Which is a Club With a local chapter Which is interested in Large + Half Cents as well as Colonials + Hard Times Token. For information on the Club Call Joe Kane at 356-4830

Sincerely

J Roger

June 30 1975

Dear [illegible],

Ihope this letter finds you well. I have been a diligent ~~Searcher~~ searcher of Half Cents for a while now. Recent cherry-pickings include a 1794 C-2b F-12 w/cr. (ANACS); an 1804 C-9 d/s on a spoiled cent planchet, veryb early die state; and other "better" ½¢s.

I recently purchased a 1795 C-6b. This coin was the property of the late C. Romano, who orig purchased it for 36.oo in the late Forties. It grades XF/AU, with some luster evident on the Rev.

Mr. Romano and Dr. W. H. Sheldon conferred on this piece right around 1950, and Dr. Sheldon proclaimed the UT to be the S-78 var. There is reeding on both sides, and parts of ONE CENT across the bust. Other detail also shows. It is a nice coin, and hasn't "seen the light of day" for quite a while.

If everything goes through, I will be at the upcoming M.D. show. I will not have a table but I should have the coin. If you attend, please seek me out. I will be there thruogh Friday of the show as it now stands.

Well, I hope to see you there. Take Care.

Sincerely,

Pete Boisvert

P.O. Box 738
Everett, MASS.
02149
EAC #1965

BOISVERT

July 12 1985

Dear Mr. Cohen,

I am sorry that we couldn't touch base at this past Md. show. A nice 1809 C-1 strong VF and orig. was cherrypicked; a rela nice coin.

I met with Joe Kane and showed him the 1795 C-6b. OK, the info. that I had written before is a bit erroneous. Corrado Romano purchased the coin in either '41 or '42 for $36. He was a prolific Lg.? enthusist; had over a thousand dollars face-dates by the bucketful. Dr. Sheldon, when in the Springfield, MASS. area would pore through them in his varieties search.

Romano showed him the coin in the mid-Forties; it was the first either had seen. It was a much nicer coin then than now. It was left in a book, loose, for many years. Dr. Sheldon attributed the undertype as a "78". Murry Gould and a Dr. Benedict (or -ine) also examined it. I bought it from Don Romano, Corrado's son, who also provided the information presented here.

I hope to be at the ANA convention; if not I will be 'set up' this September at the Sheraton. I will have the coin with me in either case.

Well, Thank You for listening & Good Luck in your searches.

Sincerely,

Pete Boisvert

Peter Boisvert
P.O. Box 738
Everett, MASS.
02149

Sold one to [illegible]
at ANA '85

Used Bubble to [illegible]

3040 GRANDVIEW DR
ALLEGAN MICHIGAN 49010
DEC 4, 1980

DEAR ROGER

I CALLED YOU ABOUT SEPT 12. BUT I DID NOT FOLLOW WITH A LETTER. I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS, COULD YOU HELP ME?

FIRST THE 1803 C3 REV 1ST USE, IS IT FOUND WITH AND WITHOUT BULGE AT 18?

SECOND THE 1803 C3 REV 2ND USE, IS IT FOUND WITH AND WITHOUT BULGE AT 18?

ALSO WOULD IT BE OK TO SEND YOU 2 COINS FOR YOUR OPINION? IF SO I WILL SEND THEM ONE APPEARS TO BE THE 1803 C3 CUD BREAK AT 18 HOW SCARCE IS THAT DIE STATE? THE OTHER MAYBE THE 1803 C-3 1ST USE GOOD 6 — HARD TO TELL ON WORN COINS

RECENTLY I FOUND A 1803 C-2 GOOD5 BUT A NICK ON THE RIM, IT WAS NOT AS NICE AS MY COLLECTION PIECE SO I LET JIM MCGUIGAN SELL IT ON CONSIGNMENT.

ANOTHER ITEM IN A 1967 CHAPMAN CATALOG OWNED BY JACK BORCHART, A 1797 C3c WAS DULY NOTED AS HAVING A "GRIPPED EDGE". MAYBE YOU HAVE HEARD OF THIS CATALOGING.

I HOPE YOU HAVE HAD A RELAXING VACATION.

SINCERELY
ALAN BAUHARD

4701 SANGAMORE RD
BETHESDA MD. 20816
4/26/85

D.T. Brown Jr.
Box 454
Phillipsburg KS 67661

Dear Mr Brown,

Thank you for your kind words in Regard to "American Half Cent" and please accept my appologies for Not answering sooner to your letter of 3/27/85. My work on a CPA Program throws Tax Bills Notices Me from March 15 to April 15 every year and even Now there is a Mountain of Work to clean up.

On Regard to your 1793. the ~~Bonds~~ Heads very much like a #1 but obviously it can be wrong. Rather than Count leaves your Neigst Nate the Position of the Right Stem. On Reverse A it is far from the Final A of AMERICA. On Reverse B the Stem Touches the Final A. I have Never heard of a broken die on Bulged Reverse B. and if you are sure it Reverse B I would like to see the Coin or a photo of it.

Many thanks for your Interest and Patience I will try to be more Prompt in Replying in the future..

Sincerely

Roger S Cohen Jr.

D. T. BROUN, JR.
BOX 454
PHILLIPSBURG, KANSAS 67661

$.40 REG Fee with RR

4/30/85

101.1 GR

No Reply on Variety

What Happened to Coin?

913-543-5056

Dear Roger Cohen, —

Thanks for your letter re the 1793 1/2 cent about which I wrote to you. I think the best solution to my query is to send you the coin and let you look at it. I label my varieties using "C" for Cohen on 1/2 cents as I do for Sheldon using an "S". You deserve no less. — !

The coin is an obverse ~~1~~ with a reverse B. There is nothing in your book that describes the coin.

I am a rank amateur and live in a small county town of 3500, where to my knowledge no one else collects 1/2 cents and early cents.

The obverse looks as tho it were struck a heavy blow. Would this be die clashes? thus causing the blank space in the middle of the reverse?

By modern standards I grade the obverse F and the reverse F+. Would you agree, or am I too stingy?

I appreciate your looking at the coin and awaiting your opinion. I hope, in my ignorance, that I didn't send you something that I should have found an easy answer for.

I enclose $5.00 to cover registry and postal fees for return.

Thanks you. Bud Broun

D. T. BROUN JR.

5/23/86

D.T. Brown Jr.
Box 454
Phillipsburg KS 67661

Dear Mr. Brown

Enclosed is your coin. Again let me apologize for taking so long.

As I told you there is no question as to the Variety it's #2 of 1793 However the obverse is Corrosive and the reverse is Concave and I believe the hardness damaged by having it hit on the reverse in the collection is possible that it left the mint this way but I rather doubt it.

Thank you again for sending it to me. and I enjoyed speaking to you on the phone

Sincerely
Roger S Cohen Jr

D. T. BROUN, JR.
BOX 454
PHILLIPSBURG, KANSAS 67661

3/27/85

Dear Mr. Cohen —

I am an amateur coin collector with a fair collection of U.S. Cents and Half Cents. I started with early cents because of Dr. Sheldon's excellent "Penny Whimsy" and got on to half cents because of your excellent book "American Half Cents". There must be money lost I for one have received much pleasure because you took the time to write the book. Thank you. —

I have a 1793 Half Cent your variety # 2 (15 leaves on the right branch.) S-1 (the O) grades F. The reverse outside including almost all of the wreath would grade at least VF. However, there is nothing in the center of the wreath — it is completely smooth. The center is as smooth as the illustration, page 2, for Variety #1 Reverse A (Broken Reverse). The wreath and outside lettering is much more clear than on the illustration in the book.

you show no (Broken Reverse) page 3, Variety # 2 and no die breaks.

Is there a broken reverse for Reverse B., Variety # 2, year 1793, page 3, American Half Cents? If so, I have one.

Would appreciate hearing from you if you have the time to answer.

Sincerely,

D. T. Broun Jr.

A. N. A. 61324

Richard J. Bruno
92 Lincoln Avenue
Islip Terrace, N. Y. 11752

COLLECTOR OF AMERICAN COINAGE
SINCE 1959

Roger S. Cohen Jr.
4701-Sangamore Road
Bethesda, MD. 20816

March 14ht, 1983

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I just had to sit down and type you out this letter. First I wanted to let you know that I recently purchased your book American Half Cents, 2nd, edition.

Second I have enjoyed it fully. Since being a coin collector since 1959 I never tangled with half cents before and am now toying with the notion of doing just that. The reason is that those little sisters hold so much history locked up in that copper.

I plan to do the set of CLASSIC HEAD TYPE. I have one question to ask you and the answer has escaped me and to a point has bothered me to say the least. I hope you are able to answer it for me.

I plan to purchase the 1811 Half Cent...the question...are all the half cents of that year porus, pitted,ect... and does this take away the value from this piece. Most of the 1811's I saw are minted poorly.

Any infor you might pass on to me regarding this will aid me a great deal when I view the next 1811 and except it as is.

I close for now with the hopes of reading from you.

Sincerely yours,

Richard

(over)

3/17/83

Dear Richard,

Thanks for your kind Remarks in regard to My "Labor of Love" It is quite gratifying to know People care.

The 1811 Particular Variety #2 is Not Well Worn are quite hard to locate in a condition that is on Par with the other Classic Heads.

I Can only suggest that You Keep looking and don't be surprised if the Price quite High. on the other Hand you may run into one in VF and a Pleasing Surface for $100 - That would be a bargain

Are You a Member of Early American Coppers.?

There will be a Convention at the Sheraton-La Guardia Mar May 6-8 of this Year at the club Perhaps You Will be able to locate the 1811 of your dreams.

Hope to Meet You at the Convention

Bogen

A.N.A.# R-83768

1-24-74

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Dear Sir:

I just happen to reading Numismatic Scrapbook dated Aug. 1973 and ran across your add on American Half Cents. Can you, if you have one please send me one book.

Thank You

Mr Buchinske

P.O. BOX. 415

HOLBROOK N.Y.

11741

P.S.

If you wish send C.O.D.

Feb 28, 1974

Dear Mr. Cohen,

I have recently purchased your book "The Fifth Half Sister" and am very pleased with your format. In my collection I have from all 6-8-1924 appearances the Alvord (Lot 113) Specimen. He referred to it as State Specimen. He referred to it as State B, Badly broken out over TFS, 0 to 1 Good Very Rare. I grade mine very good sharp. I came across it as a G8 of which I have about 8 specimens of break in die. For your examination I enclose a photo showing break plus a negative to make photo if you desire. I enclose stamps to cover cost of mailing the negative back. Walter Breen and Jon Hanson are aware of my coin also.

I also have Var 3 of the 1795 in fine condition and I used on to

Walter Breen in the 1960's so you can see they also can still be found. Both specimens of the 1795 6-7 I had had a full HALF CENT which I think is unusual.

Again congratulations on your book + hoping to hear from you.

Sincerely

Joseph Cowa

ANA 20939

Enc. PICTURE, NEGATIVE + 1 cent stamp

5/15/74

Mr Joseph Cascia Jr
[illegible] Rd
Westport Conn 06604

Dear Mr Cascia,

Many thanks for the photo of the late state [illegible] 6-9 I like the [illegible] one [illegible] [illegible] shows a "release" in the state nearly on the [illegible] of the 12 [illegible] it is the aboard date, however [illegible] not aware of the gap between 8 + 10 [illegible] have been many 6-9's found that the Party is now down to A-5 (91 75 known) of those seen or had reliably reported 45 specimens shown 9 species in My Collection above the 10 mm [illegible] many is the record of Collect 6, the state [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

3010 Summit Road
San Bruno, CA 94066

March 30, 1990

Roger S. Cohen Jr.
4701 Sangamore Road
Plaza 15
Bethesda, MD 20816

Dear sirs:

Please send me a copy of your price list for early american copper coins as advertised in *Penny-Wise*. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joe Christie

Joseph Christie

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June 10, 1982

Roger S. Cohen Jr.
4701 Sangamore Rd.
Bethesda, Maryland 20816

Dear Roger,

Thank you for the telephone call the other day. I appreciate you taking the time to autograph my book.

Hope to see you, at the Boston A.N.A.

Thank you again.

Yours truly

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May 4,1982

Margo Russell, Editor
Coin World
P.O. Box 150
Sidney, OH 45367

Dear Margo,

The address that I have for Mr. Roger S. Cohen Jr., Author of " American Half Cents The " Little Half Sisters", seems to be obsolete, and I figured, if anyone has his current address, it would be you.

Would you be so kind to furnish me, his address and or his telephone number, as I do need to get in touch with the gentlemen soon.

Thank you for your kindness Margo.

Penn-Ohio Still has not appointed a Publicity Chairman. I will surely make him known to you, when I know.

Thanking you again for your past kindness.

Yours truly

J.H. Cline
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P.O. BOX 150 SIDNEY, OHIO 45367 PH. 513-498-2111

May 26, 1982

Mr. J. H. Cline
4421 Salem Ave.
Dayton, Ohio 45416

Dear Mr. Cline:

We are forwarding your letter to Roger S. Cohen, Jr. at the last address we had for him.

Our Circulation department did not find his name as a subscriber to Coin World so we can't be sure the one we have in Maryland is correct, but it's worth a try.

All the best,

COIN WORLD

Margo Russell (Mrs. Marion)
Editor

dc
cc: Roger S. Cohen

11/30/83

Mr Dennis Colley
139 North Terrace
Wichita Kan 67208

Dear Dennis,

Thanks for your call today I appreciate hearing about New friends. This is the way that all of us will learn about Hall Cards via the Saga of "Bang Wire".

I'm enclosing a few items I recend in the mail in regard to "that other Book" as I call it.

Look forward to seeing you at GAC in San Francisco

Sincere
Roger

10/5/81

Dear Mr. Cohen,

I recently purchased your plate coin & would like to know who owned it when you photographed it & if you might know who owned it before & after — pedigree?

I would really appreciate it. It is a beautiful coin & well preserved.

The coin is — 1810 C-1 Early State the one above Jack Beymers plate. Pg. 75, over

Please send a bill for your services & I will send a check promptly.

Many thanks,

Sincerely,

George Cores
Box 102
River Grove, Ill.
60171

I'm looking for a high grade — V.F
1802 C-2 Id like to find one
Can you help? — Too.

Dear Mr Cares. 10/9/87

The Coin you refer to Was the Property of W.R. Weber of Sebastopol CA, at the time of the Photographing (OCTOBER 1981), Who I Suspect Sold you the Coin.

according to My Records (FROM BILL) He Purchased it from HUGH CAMPBELL who Was an active Collector back in the 1960's ad 1970's - Campbell Purchased it at a Lester Merkin Sale in Sept 1968. Most of the Coin in that Sale Were the Property of DICK PICKER Who was a Dealer - Collector back in the 1950's to a few years ago

My Record of Condition Census Coin Place it at the 5th to 6th finest known

I've seen the Coin Numerous times and you should be Happy With it

Sincerely

Roger Cohen.

Dear Mr. Cohen

My name is Stephen Cunningham and I recently purchased your book "American Half Cents". I believe this book to be an intricate part of my numismatic library, without it I am lost, However, my reason for writing now is not to praise your book, but to inform you of a possible new variety for the year 1828.

Upon examining and classifying my half cent collection, I noticed that I had four half cents for the year 1828. I started contrasting and comparing them, and noticed that there were discrepencies in the coin I have and the one pictured on page 84 of "American Half Cents.

On variety 3-3-C

1. On one of my 1828 H C the top left hand column of the "H has a projection touching the lower inside leaf.
2. That same lower inside leaf has a thorn like projection at the very tip reaching out into the field.
3. The words' half cent' letters in are doubled, whether it is from the hub or from repunching I dont know. What I do know is that I have four 1828 Var 3-3-C's and only one shows doubling. The coin with the doubling is in F/VF condition.

I would greatly appreciate your opinion on this coin, and I would send this coin to you, if you wish, for greater scrutiny.

Cordially

Stephen R Cunningham

10/7/88 PO Box 4913
Santa Fe, N. M
87502

Mr. Coben,

I don't know if you will even remember me as we Corresponded briefly with each other in 1983, the year I began to collect ½ cents as a matter of fact. It was your book that 1st year which was my guide and gave me the basic education I needed to begin to collect intellectually. It also saved me a few dollars more than a few times.

I enjoyed receiving your lists. Oh how I wish I could afford the 1856 trial Piece. Please tell me it's sold, no don't, I don't want to know. It would be a wonderful addition to my collection as I am drawn toward the odd and unusual. In fact I now primarily collect ½ cent mint errors and I would really be interested in any you might have available. Also interested in

Major or minor error. I have many types which would make wonderful illustrations if you ever decided to work on another publication.

The major reason I am writing to you is for your opinion on the enclosed tracing of a ½ cent I recently found. I am both excited and troubled by the coin. The red lines indicate die breaks, the obverse being the heaviest and most prominent without a glass. The reverse cracks are also obvious but somewhat obscured here and there by crud in and around the devices. In fact I believe a cleaning will reveal other light cracks or joinings. Unfortunately it is not a new set of dies for 1829 as the designators match your #1. How could such severe breaks not be preceded by other (earlier stages)? Is it

(NOT PLANCHET CRACKS)

not also a rather unusual configuration? There is nothing else like it in the ½ cent series.

The coin has all the earmarks of being genuine. Cert is sharpness grade average good 4 but was purchased as AG-6 due to a fair amount of crud in the devices and what may be some cleaning scratches on Liberty. The fields are basically untoned and are dark brown. Actually the condition is not so important as it is the breaks which make it important as a terminal state example (if genuine). Wear seems consistent with grade as does circulation marks. Edges are rounded and have no unusual marks. So what do you think? Have you seen anything like it before?

Best Regards,

William Easley

1829

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HALF
CENT

10/22/88

Mr William Easly
P.O. Box 4913
Santa Fe NM. 87502

Dear Bill,

I certainly remember you but it was at the 1984 Detroit Convention. If I recall it was in regard to an 1804 #4. I also recall something either then or some what later that you acquired an 1796 No Pole From Ron Guth.

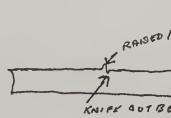
I just noted that you wrote + Mailed your letter on 10/7/88 and I just got it today. My Zip Code is 20816 Not 20818 and that appears to be the delay.

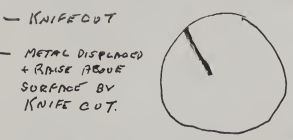
I am starting to do a bit as a Coin Dealer - Am retiring from My accounting Practice but I want to stay busy thus My New Role.

Yes I still have the 1856 Copper Nickel trial Piece - Do you want me to send it to you On approval?

I do have some Mint Errors on Half Cents but Very few in My duplicate box. I'll be going through the dupes Tomorrow and will note at the end of this letter if there are any.

You Repeat send Me the 1829. I suspect that these Marks have been Made With a Sharp Knife Which Creates the look of a die break.





I'm Not a Good ARTIST

OVER

You Might Check the Point
out using at least a 10 to 15 Power Glass.

Let Me Good to
Hear from You

Sincerely,

Roger

10/23
No Mail
Entries
In Diaries

10/3/83

PO Box 4913
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Dear Mr. Cohen,

Although I have collected coins for nearly thirty years (since age 8 when I inherited my Grandfather's small collection) I only recently developed a genuine obsession with Half Cents. Suddenly, after all these years I see them as completely charming. Incidentally, one year after I began collecting I purchased my first coin for a dollar from a classmate of mine. It was a tarnished, pitted but completely unique (only to me) 1804 half cent. A treasure I later regrettably lost. I am sure I will pursue them now for the rest of my life. No, I do not see them as investments as I have always been a collector and I always will be. Give me the excitement of discovering a new variety rather than the promise of a profit any day. Unfortunately my realistic goal of each variety is certainly not obtainable in this age of great profit making. I am not a rich man and I can never reasonably expect to accomplish this. I will however find great enjoyment accomplishing what I can. I will also have the great satisfaction in knowing that I am helping to preserve a part of our rich heritage.

A special thank you for your book which I just purchased. It has already (literally) saved me $69.00. Having been uneducated in the varieties I was excited over the possibility of owning an unlisted overdate which was recently advertised in Coin World. I then called the dealer who assured me that it was a genuine overdate. After reading your book I learned it was your 1805 C1R1 with the characteristic line above the last numeral of the date, a common coin at an inflated price for a coin in fine condition with a dozen digs in the obverse & reverse fields. Back it has gone for

a refund. You are right. Buying through the mail can be very upsetting. Unfortunately we have only one dealer in Santa Fe., and he would rather not stock half cents as there is no real demand for them here. Even our largest city (Albuquerque) has only two or three dealers and they stock few half cents. Help, what am I to do. I think I am condemned to mail order. Perhaps the Early American Copper Club should be my 2nd step. Would you please be so kind as to found information on membership.

Again let me thank you for your book. Your point of wanting to read it, is well taken and I see you are indeed a true Collector, an educator.

Best Regards,
William Earley.

Roger S. Cohen Jr.
4701 Sangamore Rd.
Bethesda, MD 20816

10/11/83

Mr William Easley
P.O. Box 4913
Santa Fe N. Mex 87502

Dear Mr Easley,

Many thanks for your kind letter of 10/1. It's quite gratifying to realize that others have a similar interest.

The address of the Early American Coppers is

EAC
Po Box 15782
CINCINNATI OHIO 45215

You should write to them for membership. Your recent incident in regard to "dealer Hype" over the 1905 O/I is just the thing that I like to hear about. What is showing is the uninformed nature of many persons whose entire interest in coins is $. No doubtably you will encounter this even more in the future. Just stick to what you think is right and don't worry about it.

Buying coins by mail can be a problem but if kept in surmountable. It also depends on the quality of the coins you seek. Dein McCullom Po Box 133 N. Versailles PA. 15137 puts out a list 6 times a year at No Cost to you as a Higher grade Half Cent. He also has some lower grade ones that he doesn't list. You might write to him. I don't know how it is in your area but large coin shows in this area usually have some dealers with Half Cents.

Good luck to you on your collection and just keep looking at all Half Cents you'll probably find a number of keepers.

Sincerely
Roger S Cochran

JAN EDEBURN
ANA R-74094 - EAC 202
4043A ELM STREET
SHAW AFB, SOUTH CAROLINA 29152

Dear Mr Cohen,

I've enclosed the S-232, S-284 and the 1803 ½¢ for your attribution. I hope the copies are satisfactory, however don't hesitate to return them if they aren't. I'm not sure the 1812 is from rusted dies or? I would appreciate your opinion.

I admire your knowledge & initiative required to publish your new book. It is a step forward and should greatly aid the ½¢ beginner & advanced collector too. I would like to see a 2nd edition with improved plates & a rarity scale.

Yours in EAC,

Jan

11/29/73

Mr Jan Edelman
4043A Elm St.
Shaw AFB SC 29152

Dear Mr Edelman,

Thanks for the S-232 and S-289. I don't think the 289 is from a rusted die but rather another form of corrosion which I've seen on other coppers of this period. The coins are quite interesting.

The 1803 is the late state of Gilbert 3 which I refer to in my book as "2nd use of Obv #3" The Variety is R-1 and I have no use for it. Thanks for letting me see it. One never knows as there are 2 1803 Varieties which are rather scarce.

Sincerely
Roger

JBS FARM

John & Susan Fleischer • Rt. 1, Box 42 • Eastsound, WA • 98245 • (206)376-4050

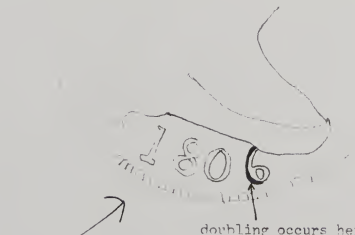
January 7, 1985

Dear Roger,

Having just finished reading your book "American Half Cents" and thoroughly enjoying it, I happened upon an 1806 variety #4 as discribed in your book. Upon closer examination I noticed what appears to be a slight doubling of the 6. Not finding any mention of this in your book I thought I'd bring it to your attention. Below is a rough drawing of the coin. Also would you send me the address of the EARLY AMERICAN COPPERS CLUB.

Thank you,

John Fleischer



1/23/85

Dear Mr Fleischer

Thank you for your Note. Since the feature is Not Present on all specimen and disappears either due to die use or Corrosion of the Coin I did Not Note it

The address of Early American Coppers Club is:

EAC
P.O Box 15782
CINCINNATI OHIO 45215

Sincerely
Roger L. Cohen

P.O. Box 143
Far Rockaway, New York 11691
February 2, 1985

Roger S. Cohen Jr.
4701 Sangamore Road
Bethseda, MD 20816

Dear Sir,

Today, using your text "American Half Cents" I began attributing my purchases over the past few months. I am EAC member # 1688.

After confirming many half cent varieties, I came across an exciting discovery - an 1804, Variety 10 with obverse and reverse doubling.

Overall this coin grades good, with many light scratches on the obverse and a few on the reverse. The overall detail of this coin is excellent.

The obverse has strong facial doubling from the top of the hair to the top of the nose. I imagine this would be called a double profile.

The reverse has strong leaf doubling on the right side of the coin. Several letters of the word "America" are very strongly doubled - with especially the first A and the letter I.

I am anxiously awaiting your reply for an evaluation of this information.

Should you wish to examine this coin, please advise.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully,

Stuart Fontek

2/9/85

Dear Mr. Fontek

Thank for writing to me in regard to your 1804 #10 Double Strikings are sometimes hard to see until you have examined a coin under a glass. To the naked eye there

seems to be something wrong - the coin just doesn't look right. The variety while common does not to have many variations the heads nor errors in striking such as yours. Variety #9 of 1804 is one that striking errors are quite common.

I would like to see your coin. So if you will send it to me by registered mail I will return it to you within 3 days of receiving it.

Thank you for your interest

Sincerely

Roger L. Cohen

P.O. Box 143
Far Rockaway, New York 11691
February 22, 1985

Roger S. Cohen Jr.
4701 Sangamore Road
Bethseda, MD 20816

Dear Sir,

As you requested in your previous letter, I am sending you an enclosed 1804 - Half cent.

Upon your examination of this coin, please advise as to whether you concur with me that this is a Variety #10 with a double profile, in addition to some obverse and reverse doubling.

I would greatly appreciate you estimation of the rarity and possible value of this coin.

Please remove coin freely from its 2x2, and return coin in the same or different holder.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Sincerely,

Stuart Fontek
EAC member #1688

March 6, 1985

Stuart Fontek
P.O. Box 143
Far Rockaway N.Y. 11691

Dear Mr Fontek.

Please excuse the delay in replying and returning your 1804 #/0 Half Cent. This time of year I'm somewhat up to my eyeballs in work, but never too busy to look at Half Cents.

The Coin is double struck I.E. the planchet has received two separate strikings from the die. The obverse most obviously shows a double Profile above Mr Liberty. Note Howard the words LIBERTY are also doubled they look thinner than Normal. This same feature can be seen on the reverse. Particularly in the legend UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. and the right side of the Wreath which has extra leaves.

The Coin is interesting as an example of the difference in standards of inspection. The 1804 it seems to have been passed as o.k. Today the Mint if they caught it would not release it.

As a Variety the #/0 of 1804 is quite common although my experience that strikin errors are not common on this Variety. This is not the case on #9 of 1804 in which strikin errors are quite common.

As for some idea of Value I would estimate that it may be worth 2 Times its Value as a regular strike if you found a willing buyer.

Thank you for sending the coin and if you want more information Please wait till after April 15th

Sincerely
Roger S. Cochran

3/18/78

Larry Forte
747 - 56th St.
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11220

Mr. Cohen,

I read your book and gained a great deal of knowledge and enjoyment from it. In your preface you state you would like to hear from collectors about any facts that you did not mention in your book, well maybe you can help me out with something which I have confronted while studying one of my half cents. The half cent in question is a 1828 12 star variety and my question has to do with the L in Liberty. The coin in my possession is an extremely fine specimen. The L in Liberty does not connect, what I mean is its upright does not connect with the lower part. I am sorry I can not explain myself better and will send a couple of rough drawings of what I mean, and would be grateful if you would write back and let me know what I have as it is not mentioned in your book. I look at a couple of other examples and I have found that the L does

correct. Could this possibly be a new variety

Yours truly
Larry Forts

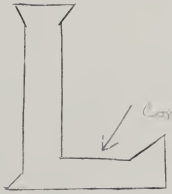
Larry Forte

Drawing #1

On the coin there is nothing connecting as I have tried to show, so it accutally looks as if it is an I and a comma and not an L.

Larry Forte

Drawing #2



On the pieces the L is as shown, connect

KENNETH W. FULLER
27 JORDAN ROAD
NEW HARTFORD, N. Y. 13413

November 28, 1983

Roger S. Cohen, Jr.
4701 Sagamore Road
Bethesda, MD 20816

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I have just acquired an 1829 half cent that may be of interest to you. The reverse has what appear to be die breaks or defects in the die cutting below the wreath and in the denticles below the wreath. These are not described in your excellent book on half cents; so I wonder if they are known to you. I am enclosing a pressing of the coin for your examination. If these features are of interest to you and you would like to see the actual coin, I would be glad to send it to you for examination.

I would be grateful for your comments.

I was a collector of large cents and half cents way back in the 1940's and sold my collection about twenty-five years ago. A year ago I bought a small collection which stirred up my interest again.

Cordially,

Kenneth W. Fuller
E.A.C. #1808

11/30/83
called &
Sent
Comm

KENNETH W. FULLER
27 JORDAN ROAD
NEW HARTFORD, N. Y. 13413

December 5, 1983

Roger S. Cohen, Jr. P.A.
4701 Sangamore Road
Bethesda, MD 20816

Dear Mr. Cohen:

Thank you for your letter of 11/30/83 regarding my 1829 half cent that seems to have some diebreaks or engraver's errors at the base of the wreath on the reverse, and a spur from one of the denticles. I am enclosing the coin herewith so that you can give a close examination. I would appreciate receiving your comments.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth W. Fuller

Kenneth W. Fuller

12/5/83

Roger S. Cohen
Bethesda M D.

Sorry I forgot to
enclose reimbursement
for postage & insurance
with my letter enclosing
the 1829 1¢
$2.00 enclosed

Yours etc
Kenneth W. Fuller
27 Jordan Rd
New Hartford
N.Y.
13413

K W. FULLER
27 JORDAN RD
NEW HARTFORD. N.Y.
13413

12/7/83

Kenneth W Fuller
27 Gordon Rd
New Hartford NY 13413

Dear Mr Fuller;

With the use of a wooden toothpick the foreign matter which looked like a die break can be completely removed. It also appears to me that what else is on the coin is also water kalimable. It did not remove all the material as I want you to see for yourself.

The coin is a rather rarely state of the 1879 dies that show considerable deterioration of the reverse by after damage or, as it turned out, foreign material.

I hope you agree for allowing me to see the coin which is returned herewith.

Sincerely -

Roger H Cecil Lough

Dear Bill,

The comment in regard to 1857 Melting Heller & Brown at Dunmore Land in regard to the Mint Collection which was published in the 1860's The Mint records in the National Archives indicate that Cameron in 1857 was 35,180 all of which were struck in January 1857 this would then appear that the Number Placed in Circulation should be reduced for the Number Melted. The Number however is not known it can only Vaulted a guess about Each of Half of them were Melted Dear Would like Plenty can proceed as there are

Also Regard to the Rotated Reverses. What is a 1806 c-6? & Pollock you Mean a 1806 #4 Rotated Reverses are more often seen on Certain Varieties Such as 1803 #4, 1806 #4, 1809 #3, 1809 #2, 3+6, 1825 #1 1826 #2 etc. The Preferred reason is the shifty of the a the either obverse or reverse in the Coining press These are Curiosities but I do not Consider them to have a Premium Rarity ratings are for the Varieties as a whole as the Not broken down for Certain Varieties of which Rotated Reverses are Known one an Example.

I appreciate your writing to me and feel free to do so in the future

Roger

PO Box 747
Hillsborough, N.C.
27278

July 16, 1982

Roger S. Cohen Jr.
4701 Sangmore Road
Bethesda, Maryland 20016

Dear Roger:

Have much enjoyed your first edition of half cents which I ordered in Feb. of 1981 from you. Have just ordered your second edition from Ron Guth.

Regarding the 1857 half cent. You state "Mint Director Snowden reported that many of this date were melted and not released for circulation."

Does that mean that the melted coins were part of the 35,180 which was the coinage reported for 1857? Or were the melted coins "in addition" to the coinage reported. I am in love with my 1857's...this is why I ask.

Enclosed is a SSAE for your convenience.

Also, I have an 1849 in F-15 with a rotated reverse and also an 1806 C-6 in Fine with a rotated reverse. You mention in your first edition about the 1849. How rare are these coins with the rotations? Would it make the coin more than an R-2 or an R-1 ...the latter being the 1806. The 1849 is 90 degree rotated and the 1806 is 180 degrees.

Three or four of the Classic and Draped Bust coins in my collection are also rotated in the neighborhood of 25 degrees.

Sincerely,

William H. Gaede

Lancaster & Shields
P.O. Box 12
Harrison, New York 10528

1/30/84

Roger,

I purchased this 1794-C-9 on 1/28/84. This is the best I have ever purchased to date and I am proud to be its new owner (No matter). I am shipping you this piece for your respected opinion ~~[redacted]~~, to determine if it may Qualify for the Census and if so where it may rank.

Yours,

Roger A. Geary

Please find enclosed a money order for return shipping costs.

2/1/84

Dear Rogers

The 1794 #9 you sent is Not in the Condition Census are even Very Close to it. (It's enclosed here with)

The Coin has the Sharpness of Strike of VF-30 However the surfaces are lightly Pitted and there are Numerous Scratches Particularly on the Reverse. I grade the Coin as VF-20 overall.

There are other things to Note such as the defective planchet they is Particularly Noticable on the reverse Rim. also the Edge lettering is which Part of TWO overlaps LIBERTY due to the defective planchet Manufacture and subsequent slipping in the Castaway Machine. (The machine which lettered the Edge) the 1794-95 ONE DIE had TWO HUNDRED and the other one FOR A DOLLAR (cent) This is deduced from 1793 when the Two Leaves were on the TWO HUNDRED die. These defects in the paragraphs do Not detract from the grade in My opinion However other do reduce grade for them.

The obverse die is one of the latest states that seen in that there is a lump right at the cap and the Inner Circle Runs through the tops of LIBERTY

It's an Interesting Coin but definately Not in the Complete Census

Sincerely

Rogers

Aug. 24, 1960

Dear Mr. Cohen,

I would like to order a copy of Little Half Sisters. Could you please tell me what the charges would be? Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Getman

Bruce A. Getman
2053 North Woodstock St. Apt. 5
Arlington, VA 22207

8/26/60

The Book is 15.00 under your
are a Member of Early American Copies
Club. Then it 13.50 Post Paid

Bruce

Robert C. Gill
73 SAVERN PLACE
GAHANNA, OHIO
43230

3/8/79

Dear Roger:

I have meant to write you a letter of appreciation for a number of years but just kept procrastinating.

The appreciation is for the marvelous job you did on your book. It is so much easier to use than any other specialized coin reference, that collecting half cents has given me the time of my life!! I use Crosby, Richards, Mavis, Miller, Sheldon & Newcomb (Ugh!) etc. and none of them are much fun. I'm sure you kept in mind all the limitations of the above and others and it sure shows!

I started collecting half cents in 1973 after reading a Leon Lindheim article on them that indicated they were "sleepers" because of their low mintages. Although I suppose

they were, and my collection has probably appreciated that ends up not being very important. What has been fun is cherry-picking scarce varieties and of course building a collection. Like many collectors I had a couple of cornerstones from a family accumulation going back a long way (I'm a transplanted easterner) My beginning pieces were the 1797 C-2 and a 1829 both in F-12.

While my emphasis has been on half cents I also collect large cents basically by Sheldon and Newcomb varieties and Colonials. The Colonials are mostly by ~~Sheldon~~ type since there isn't much help available on these except for State Coinage*. State coinage has been quite a lot of fun ~~too~~ and like most Colonials the price is right. In fact I have gone backwards some in coppers by locating the first

* - Crosby stinks!

ancestors of ours as I consider British coppers. As you know the first ones were Charles II in 1672 and have added a half-penny & farthing of this type. Some early half-pennies are hard to find altho' the farthings are easier.

Almost all my half-cent collecting has been done independently and I suppose my list (enclosed) represents what would turn up by chance in going thru' dealer's stocks etc. The exceptions being some of the early dates etc. The only other half cent collector I know is Gene Braig in Elyria although I do know some EAC large cent collectors in Ohio.

I don't know what the inverse ratio mathematics are but I had 47 varieties a year after starting my collection and only 64 now. It sure is getting a lot tougher although other interests

in the last couple of years have taken their toll on my collecting (money too!) About everything now with the exception of the '97 C-1 is either expensive or just plain difficult to find. I'm getting to, in a way, hate 1804's because I keep looking at them 'till I can't see.

Enough from me - I would enjoy hearing your comments and if my list adds anything to your vast information then this letter has been worthwhile. I do have an old copy of your list (3/6/76).

If you have any type of appendix to your book or a revised rarity table I would like to know about it. The same applies to any duplicates especially the scarcer late date R-5-7's.

Thanks again for a super job that has given me hours of enjoyment!

Sincerely,
Bob Gill EAC #465

R. C. Gill
11/7/70
Revised 3/3/79 64 var. + Sub. V.

U.S. Half Cents

	C	G	OTH	COND	D/S
1793	1	4			
	2	3			
	3	1			
	4	2	R-3	AG	
1794	1a	9			
	1b	9S			
	2a	5			
	2b	5L			
	3a	7S			
	3b	7L			
	4a	4S	R-4	F	
	4b	4L			
Plugged →	5	8	R-5	F	
	6	6			
	7	2			
	8	3			
	9	1	R-2	VG	
1795	1	1			
	2a	3	R-3	VG	
	2b	8			
	3	7			
	4	4			
	5a	6			
	5b	6K			
	6a	5	R-2	G	
	6b	5K			
1796	1	2			
	2	1			
1797	1	4	R-2		
	2	3	R-4	F	
	3a	2			
	3b	1			
	3c	2M			
1800	1	1	R-2	VF	
1802	1	2	R-7		
&	2	1	R-3	VG	AU

	C	G	OTH	COND	D/S
1803	1	2	R-1	VF	
	2	4	R-5	VG	
2nd use	3	3	R-1 REV PEAR	VG	
	3	5	REV CAP	VG	
	4	1	R-9	F/VF	
1804	1	6+	R-3 REV PEAR	VG	
2nd/3rd	2	6	REV OAK	VG+	
	2	10/6	R-8		
	4	10	R-6		
	5	11	R-5		
	6	8	R-2	VG	
	6	8	REV ARR 1		
	6	8	2		
	6	8	3		
	6	8	4		
	6	8	5		
	6	8	6		
	6	8	7		
	6	8	8		
	7	9	R-6		
	7	9	REV ARR 1		
	7	9	2		
	7	9	3		
	7	9	4		
	7	9	5		
	8	7	R-1	VF+	
1805	9	5	R-5 CAP PEAR		
	9	5	ATT CAP	G	
	10	4	R-1	XF+	
	11	1	R-4	XF	
	12	3	R-2	VF+	
	13	2	R-2	VF	
	1	1	R-1	F	
	2	4	R-7		
	3	3	R-6	VG	
	4	2	R-2	XF	

	C	G	OTH	COND	D/S
1806	1	1	R-1	VF	
	2	2	R-5	AG-3	
	3	1/2	R-7		
	4	2	R-1	XF	
1807	1	1	R-2	VF-	
1808	1	1/1	R-8		
	2	1	R-3	G	
	3	2	R-1	VG	
1809	1	3/1	R-7		
	2	3	R-4	VF	
	3	4	R-2	F	
	4	1	R-3	F	
	5	5	R-1	VF	
	6	2	R-2	VG	
1810	1	1	R-3	VG+	
1811	1	2	OBV OAK		
	1	2	2 STR ARR		
R-4	2	2	4 STR ARR	VG	
	2	1	R-3	VG	
1825	1	2	R-9	G/VG	
	2	1	R-1	VG+	
1826	1	1	R-1	VG	
R-3	2	2	OBV PEAR	XF-	
	2	2	2 STR ARR		
1828	1	2	R-3	AU	
	2	3	R-2	VG+	
	3	1	R-1	VF	
1829	1	1	R-1	F	
1831	1	1	R-7		
1832	1	2	R-3	XF	
	2	1	R-1	F	
	3	3	R-1	XF+	
1833	1	1	R-1	XF	
1834	1	1	R-1	VF+	
1835	1	2	R-1	VF-	
	2	1	R-1	F	

	C	G	OTH	COND
1849	1	3	R-2	XF-
1850	1	1	R-2	XF
1851	1	1	R-1	F
1853	1	1	R-1	VF
1854	1	1	R-1	AG/XF
1855	1	1	R-1	AU
1856	1	1	R-1	AU+
1857	1	1	R-2	VF
1837			TOKEN	XF

Most common

* ANA # A-3350

Bethesda Md. 20014
5/28/79

Robert P. Gill
73 Sovern Pl
Cahanna Ohio 43230

Dear Bob

Many thanks for your letter of 3/8/79 which I am just now answering. My work is overloading in the Period January 1 to May 15th. I am an accountant and everyone has to have their tax return done and it takes me a month to catch up.

Yes I did keep in mind how hard some of the earlier reference books were to use. When I wrote "Amorous Half Cats." More than one can of Gone up on in disgust usually low grade. though, I thought of this problem when writing most People can attribute low grade from My book.

The latest list on Conchlin was published in "Penny Wise" in the January 15, 1978 issue. There are only a few upgrads since that time. No New Varieties or Sub Varieties.

Thanks for your list of your collection. While there was nothing to add directly I find it interesting as to how other collectors are doing.

Sincerely
Bob Grant

6/13/73

Dear Mr. Cohen,

I (as yourself) have collected half cents for the past three years. I am now 16 years old and have found half cents most interesting and fun to collect as well as profitable.

Now, about the pictures I am sending you. This is an 1805 G.1; C.1, with many debreaks. I have brought this coin to the curator at the ANA museum in New York, but to no avail. Of the many opinions I've received about the coin, the best one is that someone was trying to destroy or distort the die with a pin without realizing, the mint struck coins with that same die, but I'm not sure. The reverse is very strange, because it's evident that they are not really debreaks. A real debreak will not have those circular patterns for go right through the design like this.

I was told to see Walter Breen, but I have no idea where he is and

probably could never get a hold of him.

The picture is very clear and I hope you can help me catagorize this coin as an error, new variety or whatever. I have found no such description of a half cent from 1805 with that many diebreaks. I will be waiting to hear from you. Thank you.

Yours truly,
Howard Gursky

Howard Gursky
82-42 168 Street
Jamaica, N.Y. 11432

P.S. I think your book on half cents is excellent as another reference for variety and general classifying.

6/17/73

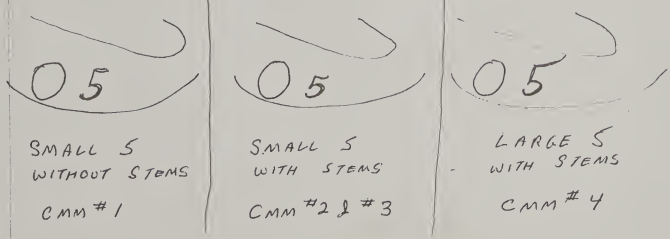
Mr Howard Gursley
82-42 168th St
Jamaica NY 11432

Dear Mr Gursley:

Thank you for sending me the 6 Photos of the Coin which you have questions on. I am returning the Photos and My Comments.

It is My opinion that the Coin Photographed is a 1805 CMM #4. This is the large 5 with Stems. It Can not be the CMM #1 (Small 5 without Stem) which you wrote me that it Was.

The differences between the ~~Fours~~ three obvious dies of 1805 are minute. The size of the 5 is the most obvious one However all 3 5's used were Smaller than the 180. I'll try & Illustrate What I Mean



(These Drawings are Not Precise)

The Next Question is what has happened to your specimen?. It is my opinion that it has been mutilated with a sharp instrument The dies were not mutilated, the coin has been. this is Particulary true on the reverse. A sharp instrument will sometimes make a mark which appears to be raised after the metal which was raised by the cutting falls over the cut. I have seen this on a Number of occasions and at one time thought I had found a die break which was not listed in Gilbert.

The obverse however has a combination of die breaks and flaws plus some mutilations. The die break connects the 1 and 8 of the date. Also in the field left of the bust there are a Number of die flaws. However there are also mutilations which have been done to the coin after it left the Press.

In case you want to write to Walter Breen his address is Box 352 BERKELEY CA. 94701 I would suggest that if you write to him that you enclose a stamped self addressed envelope to return your photos as he is well noted for not answering correspondence.

Sincerely
Roger S Cohen Jr.

11-25-82

Joe B. Hawkins
217 Rhoden Cove Rd.
Tallahassee, Florida
32312

Dear Roger:

I want to purchase 2 copies of your 1/2 ¢ book.
Please let me know the price.

Dear Joe 12/7/82

Sincerely,

Joe B. Hawkins

From the address you sent this letter to I assume you are referring to the First Edition However I am sold out of Copies of it, I have since published a 2nd edition which I am Not Selling as all Copies were Purchased for Distribution

Enclosed is a Copy of the ad. You should Order from there

Roger

Lewis B Hamlin
RR1 Box 517
Eau Gallie Fla
32935

Dear Sir

I have the following collection of ½ Cents which I will sell for 2000.00 cash.

110-	1797	1 over 1	VF	E24	R2
150-	1800		UNC	E25	R2
30-	1804		XF	E35	~~R2~~ R-1
25-	1804		VG	E37	~~R5~~ R-3
25-	1808/7		G	E54	~~R4~~ R-3
10-	1809	Scratched	G	E56	~~R4~~ R-3
10-	1809		G	E57	~~R5~~ R-3
30-	1809/6		XF	E61	R1
300-	1811		VF	E64	~~R5~~ R-4 Break over 4 Stars

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18	1825		VF	E67	~~R5~~ R-3
14	1826		VF	E68	R1
14	1828		VF	E70	R1
14	1829		VF	E73	R1
20	1832		XF	E79	R1
12	1832		F	E78	~~R5~~ R-2
20	1834		XF	E81	R1
20	1835		XF	E82	R1
20	1835		XF	E83	R1
25	1850		XF	E117	R1
20	1854		VF	E125	R1
30	1857		VF	E131	R2

917- If you wish to discuss further please write or call after 9PM
1-305-259-7787

Thank you

Lewis B Hamlin
ANA 49178

March 1, 1973
1810 N.W. 23rd Ave.
Apt. 178
Gainesville, Fla.
32601
Ph. 201-378-9206

Dear Mr. Cohen,

Enclosed is a U.S. half cent which I recently found in a dealer's junk box. I thought that your expert opinion was needed to explain the peculiar reverse development. I can't determin whether or not the piece became bent prior to striking, as a result of afterward, but I do feel that this reverse shows a final death blow to the die as shown by the violent diagonal crack running from the E in states to the R in America with two small rim breaks over F in of and A in America. Parts of the right side of the wreath and lettering are clearly visible ruling out any form of man made mutilation

as far as I can detect. The rim knocks over liberty and at 3:00 are only secondary. What can be said about this C-3 in your opinion. Is it a late die state?

I own few half cents, but I couldn't pass this one up. I'm presently a variety collector of Large Cents by Sheldon and Newcomb numbers so I would greatly appreciate your comments and verdict.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Peace—

Roger P. Hurlbut Jr.

3/12/73

Mr. Roger P. Hubbard Jr.
1810 N.W. 23rd Ave.
Apt 178
Gainesville Fla. 32601

Dear Roger,

Thanks for sending the 1808 CMM #3 for my comments which will be set forth below. I am returning the coin with this letter.

Your specimen appears to be a normal example of the variety except for the pronounced line on the reverse. I have never seen one before. It is my opinion that the planchet was defective. However if another specimen were to show up showing the identical characteristics I would be inclined to accept it as a die break. The worn condition of your specimen precludes the opinion at this time. The relation the planchet appears to be undersized. It is thin between the line and the upper right rim.

The rotated reverse is quite common on this variety. I state this in my book. I have the finest specimen ever offered commercially and in production we'd farmout (3 or more) of these worst loose. I have about 10 specimens showing various state of the rotation. The dies appear more worn

on the rotated specimen. Therefore it is possible that the ~~com~~ recent shell broke in its final stages. It will be interesting to see if another specimen will show up.

The chelae appears normal to me. The "new break" over L1B appears to have been caused by the mutilation of the rem but I just wish I had a similar specimen to compare.

Thanks for your comments on your collecting activities. I believe you were at the E&E meeting in New York last December with your wife? I had a great time at the meeting. Half Cents were handily sidetracked but I picked up a number of specimen I used to collect by Sheldon and Newcomb but found Half Cents much more interesting as there are so few collectors and "cherry picking" is much easier.

Thanks again for thinking of me and I'm sorry it took me so long to answer but at the time of year I work 100 hours a week.

Sincerely,

Boyle

4701 SANGAMORE RD
BETHESDA MD. 20816
12/28/83

Mr Obert W. Hoffman
7417 Kentwood Dr.
Biloxi Miss. 39532

Dear Mr Hoffman,

Many thanks for sending Me the Photos of your #56 - As of Now its only the 2nd known specimen to Me. I had heard of the Coin via Ron Gutt -

I can understand your Concern over the words "Damaged" on the ANACS Certificate. On studying the photos you sent, it is evident that the obverse indentation Caused the reverse to bulge, which was worn away from Circulation leaving the flat area on the reverse. Weather the obverse indentation was done at the Mint or Not is beyond anyones ability to tell. If the indentation was done Prior to Striking, the reverse would Not be bulged. I have a similar problem on an 1804 #2 which was recently discovered where the Whole Coin was Concave on the reverse and Worn on the ~~Convex~~ Convex obverse. The indentation on the reverse of your Coin appears to be at the top of a B reverse for which I Can Not give an explanation. The obverse die became clashed in its use producing Variety #5 when the 4 die marriage producing #5a + 5b exists un clashed, such as yours, and the Majority of the "5 a's. Both 5 b's known are un clashed. The obverse evidently Continued in use but the reverse was replaced and Produced #3 followed by another reverse which Produced #6. The reverse of #5 then re appeares on Variety #8. I suggest you review My Emmesin Sequence Sale 1794 if one last You in the above.

Despite the above I'm sure you realized that the differences in the Edge lettering had Nothing to do with the die Marriages as set forth

in the Emission Sequence rather it only had to do with the use of the planchets after they were lettered and the Majority of the Large Letters were used on Die Marriage #1 ✱

If this had you in all this I apologize and perhaps if you're interested I'll explain when we meet face to face.

Regardless of all this you are to be Congratulated for finding such a Scarce Coin. How many more will be found? I can't answer but I hope a few more as the #56 is one of 2 I need to complete. The other is the 1794 #66

Since you seem to have an interest in Early Copper are you a Member of "Early American Coppers"? This is a Club that only Meets once a Year but puts out a Publication known as "Penny-Wise". I am enclosing some sample pages. The articles are on Large Cents as well as Half Cents also thrown in are articles on Colonials, Hard Times Tokens Etc. If you're not a Member write to:

John D. Wright
1468 TIMBERLAND DR.
ST. JOSEPH MI 49085

who can give you the details.

You might enjoy reading how your Coin was Reported for the Present Half Cent Article the Co-authorey - Just don't get upset be a Realist - You own one of the two known!!

Thanks again for your letter

Sincerely
Roger S Cochran Jr.

Jan 3, 1984
7417 Kentwood Dr
Biloxi, Mss. 39532

Dear Mr. Cohen,

Thank you for the information on the 1794 #56 and about the "Early American Coppers" club. Although Half Cents have been my main interest over the last 15 years I study and stay up on ½c there gold and am more of a "Type or Date" person than variety. I must admit a coin such as this could change my feelings about varieties, however, should I decide to part with this coin in the future I will contact you to see if you are interested in it. As a realistic collector I know I have no hopes

of ever putting a complete set with all varieties together and you would appreciate it more, if you should still need one. Again, thank you for the information.

O. W. Huffman

7/20/87

Mr Obert W. Huffman
7417 Kentwood Dr
Biloxi Miss 39532

Dear Mr. Huffman,

You and I have Corresponded before in regard to your 1794 #5b. You also sent me some photos.

as I may have mentioned this Variety is one of Two I am Missing to Complete My Half Cents accordingly I would like to acquire the coin Provided You are willing to Part With it. If so can you Give Me a Price?

Sincerely
Roger L. Cohen

7417 Kentwood Dr.
Biloxi, Mp. 39532
July 28, 1984
601-392-4149

Dear Mr. Cohen,

I received your letter and was pleased to hear from you again. I have not placed a price on the 1794 #56 yet. To be honest, I haven't the faintest idea as to its worth. I have only had it out of the bank one time, and that was to take it to our recent State Coin Show. I showed it to three dealers on a "not for sale basises" trying to get a price range but only heard "quote a price" from them. Since I'm not knowledgeable on price fixing I guess I need to show it around and write a few letters and see what developes. Once I can get an idea of price range I'll be open to cash, trades or both. If you have an opening offer in mind or any advise you care to share with me please let me know. If I can not get a price range established within the next few months I will just place a high price on it and reduce it until sold. I'll send a price to you in a few months if I don't hear from you sooner.

Sincerely,
O.W. Huffman

August 30, 1981

Dear Roger,

#607

Enclosed is a check for $27.00. Please send me two copies of your "American Half Cents". I would also like to know when your second edition is due to be released.

689-874

For your information, I have also enclosed pressings of my 1794 C-3b and my 1804 C-7 with late state die break.

Thank you

P.S. Bill Weber & Jim McGuigan have seen both coins.

Jim Koenings EAC #680
2962 VIEWCREST LANE
RIVERSIDE, CA 92503

INVOICE

NO. 607

DATE 9/27/81

YOUR ORDER NO.

OUR ORDER NO.

R.S. COHEN
4701 SANGAMORE RD
BETHESDA MD. 20816

SOLD TO • JAMES E KOENINGS
• 2962 VIEW CREST LA
• RIVERSIDE CA 92503

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		PAID C.K.	9/7/81	PARCEL POST	P.T.

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2	2	AMERICAN HALF CENTS 2 CARTONS	13¢		27.00

Dear Jim

Many thanks for your order. Your Many Mares stands for the Reverse of the 94-36 and the 04-7. The second coloton shown is available in December. This finally out of Frost except for about 50 copies. I presume this 94-36 is the one I have liked so many times and to me Knoblich is only the 2nd one I KNOW to me. Ricky Brown and I discovered the Frost one back in 1975. I believe I can see traces of the W-Leath clash on the obverse above the pole next to the neck. All this dealing things that don't exist drives me a line. (OVER)

TOPS NO. 3713
LITHO-USA

ORIGINAL

Should have written a letter — The Candidacy of Jane Dyer seems to be equal to the discovery Expedition. I know three of about 10 of the 04-07 with the George Run Crowd. All of them are Fine and Good. I'd sure like to see an UNC. What other Half Pints do you know? I am putting a Candidate column in the 2nd Edition so Not Many Not You are Connected With Any of those No Ideas other than the 2 year and Promises of as to What in Your Candidacy - Will keep Status Confidential if You so Desire.

Again Many Thanks.

Bayless

TO: Joel Klein
P.O. Box 704
Chicago Ill 60690

FROM:
ROGER S. COHEN, JR., ~~P.A.~~
~~Certified Public Accountants~~
4701 SANGAMORE ROAD
BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20016
Phone: (301) 229-7700

MESSAGE

SUBJECT Your Order of ~~11/11/81~~ 11/11/81 DATE 11/18/81 FOLD

The Price of the 2nd Edition to EFC Members is
$25.00. The ad will be in the Nov 15th issue of "Penny Wise"
The Notice in the Sept 15th 1981 issue only Noted that
the 2nd Edition Would be released in December.

The Nov 15th 1981 also Issue contained by My Compatition
Which you May find Interesting, I just hope they
Can live up to their claims !!

SIGNED Roger Cohen

JIM

1824 - 12 MST

APT 3

RIVERSIDE CA 92507

April 6, 1982

Dear Mr. Cohen,

Along with my letter to you, I'm sending in an application to The Early American Coppers Club.

The reason, I am writing, sir, is to inquire whether or not you would like to see a 1794 1/2 cent I acquired recently. It is apparently a variety of a very severe state of die deterioration and the planchet is badly beat-up or porous. The edge lettering is of the small letter variety and the word hundred is lettered HUNDRRD. You can make out the date, though.

I would be interested in your opinion on this coin, if you would care to see it.

Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,
Kean Leiker

KEAN LEIKER
12071 HASTER ST.
GARDEN GROVE, CA
92640

Roger S Cohen, Jr.
4720 Montgomery Lane
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

28 Aug 1973

Dear Sir;

Mr. Walter Mason of Nova Coin and Stamp Shop in Washington recommended that I talk to you in regard a coin I have inherited from my grandfather. I have enclosed some photographs and other physical data pertinent to the coin.

The coin is apparently a half-cent, circa 1795 to 1797. The coin is peculiar in that it has been struck on both sides with the reverse die. The possibility that this coin is a forgery rather than a legitimate error of course exists, but from outward appearances it looks legitimate. Mr. Mason suggested it might not be legitimate, but could not detect any evidence of lamination or other methods of forgery. His main reason for suspicion was that he knew of no other instances of error half-cents of this type. That seems to me to be negative evidence at best.

I have weighed the coin and considering the degree of wear(extensive) the weight seems to be normal. I have also examined the rim under high magnification, as did Mr. Mason, and found no evidence of a seam.

It seems to me that this coin could be one which was struck during the year 1796 when relatively few half-cents were minted. Thus error coins of that age would be quite scarce, accounting for the negative evidence offered by Mr. Mason.

If you would like to examine this coin please write and advise me on shipping instructions. Any information you might have in regard this coin would be most appreciated.

Respectfully,

Aleck Loker, Jr.

ROUTE 1 Box 84
LEONARDTOWN MD
20650

9/5/73

301-863-4161

Mr Aleck Loker Jr.
Route 1 Box 84
Leonardtown Md. 20650

Dear Mr Loker;

From your description and Photographs it appears that the ☆ double reverse Copper die which you have is a Mint Product. Based on the assumption that it is a Mint Product I will set forth What I think

Half Cents at the time of their Coinage were not only the Coin of least denomenation but they were apparently Considered the least important. There are many double strikes and various other "Errors" which seem to me to be intentional However this is the first specimen that I've seen with 2 Reverses. The reverse die is recognizable as Reverse die D used with a 1795 Obverse. Interestingly enough it is the current Concensus of opinion that this reverse die was used in 1796 to Coin 1795 dated specimens. The addition Most of this die Combination were struck on Planchets Cut down from Talbot Allen + Lee tokens

Your specimen has a Number of interesting Points First of all the strikes are Perfectly Centered on the Planchet which is unusual, secondly, the words Half CENT are Visible on one side and Not the

other, Thirdly, the diameter is 25.2 MM in place of the Normal 23.5 MM., and fourth the weight of 5.286 GRAMS is as you Point out correct for the wear of such a coin.

Based on what has been set forth above and the fact that I am assuming it is a Mint Product, what has happened is as follows.

A large oversize planchet was ~~out~~ selected by a pressman and put in a Press with the ~~obverse~~ reverse die in place but No obverse die. A piece of leather was placed over the side of the planchet which would normally receive the obverse die impression and the pressing made. The Pressman then flipped the planchet which now is a one sided strike and repeated the process. thus giving a double reverse struck planchet. The ~~the~~ first side struck underwent a slight flattening thus accounting for the fact that HALF CENT can not be read on one side. The wear from circulation would cause this.

Why was this done? I don't know but as in the last Paragraph I can guess. one reason would be to make a die trial of the reverse die. The obverse die used with this reverse was used with another reverse Prior to its use with this reverse. There are other pieces known which seem to be die trials from this Period but they are usually Uniface (only one side struck). a second reason is just that the Pressman wanted a conversation

Piece or a flip coin. with be basis of "Tails I win"

Your specimen is of interest Provided it is ~~not a~~ a Mint product. I would like to see it. If you want to send it to me registered mail I will return it within a week or Perhaps. I could see it at your home as I occasionaly go to Point Lookout to spend the day on the beach.

Sincerely
Roger S Cohen Jr.